

# Squirt Rangers clip Red Wings in a thriller

The crowd was treated to an outstanding display of hockey from the Squirt Rangers and Red Wings in a classic match-up of these two gritty teams on Jan. 7.

The Rangers won 3-2.

The Rangers charged early as rookie Darin Geska picked up a loose puck in front of the Red Wings' net and made a nifty move to open the scoring.

The Rangers looked like they were going

to take charge of the game as defenseman Nick Molnar scored his first of the season on a blast from the point to put his team up 2-0.

But the Red Wings would have no part of the Rangers plan as they tighten the defensive play with the help of some outstanding plays by Peter Hillery and Ella Frauenhofer. The Rangers failed to score in the second period but Rangers goaltender

Stephen Swiatek, in his goaltending debut, had held the Red Wings scoreless through the midpoint of the second period.

The Red Wings continued to apply pressure and finally, Adam Herr got free for an unassisted tally. The Red Wings later tied the score with two seconds left in the second period on a goal by Jamison Garvey, assisted by Tristan Dougherty and Herr.

The third period was a goaltending battle

that was anchored by outstanding saves from Rangers rookie Swiatek and Red Wings veteran Theresa Meosky.

It looked like the game was going to end in a tie, as the Rangers applied pressure with time running out. A scramble in front of Meosky resulted in Mathew Soos scoring the game-winning goal on an improbable bounce. It was Soos' second game winning goal of the season.

# Bruins hard work pays off in 5-3 win over Sharks

The game held Dec. 31 between the Bruins and the Sharks on Rink 2 of the Amherst Pepsi Center was all the excitement one could hope for in a hockey game. The Bruins won 5-3.

Three unanswered goals were scored by the Sharks, two by Jeff Terragnoli and another by Nick Peters. Assists were made by Nick Bucello, Nick Vermilye, and Colin Lawrence.

Alex Bender was sharp in net with help from Jacob Mogerman, Brendan Quagliana. Great efforts were made by Ben Wald, Chris Horton, Cam Czora, Joe Kramer, Girard Marotto, and Tim Kreuz.

Like a burst of lightning, the Bruins' Peter Muffoletto scored an unassisted goal to make the score 3-1 Sharks. The Bruins battled hard and played as a team and at 1:09 of the second, Tommy

Heyden scored the Bruins' second goal on two sweet passes from Stevie Vukelic and Frankie Bodami. Ricky Bruno tied the game unassisted at the 10:26 point of the third period.

Both the Bruins and the Sharks fought hard for the go-ahead goal. But at 4:41 of the third, it was the Bruins' Adam Arsenault who rang the bell on an awesome pass from Bruno.

Jeremy Schwab played super in goal, blocking everything in his path. Bill Christ, Luke Rehbaum and Joe Durkin were Steller on defense.

Tyler Lisicki, Sarah Scolnick, Drew Goss and Matt Lesinski as-

sisted at all turns of the puck and were a great part of this team effort.

Capping this Bruins 5-3 victory was an unassisted breakaway goal by Muffoletto which helped earn him the game's No. 1 star.

# Stars, Wolves skate to 4-4 tie

AJ Aquilino's two goals and an assist helped the Squirt Stars withstand a furious third period rally by the Wolves to salvage a 4-4 tie on Dec. 30.

Nolan Burch of the Wolves opened the scoring 2½ minutes into the game with an assist from Austin Abbarno.

Jimmy Kirkpatrick answered for the Stars with two first period markers, assisted by Aquilino and Christian Cretella.

Aquilino pushed the Stars lead to 3-1 by beating Wolves goalie Sam Adams on a 3 on 0 breakaway.

Aquilino later stuffed in a rebound of Justin Bystrak's shot, assisted by Heather Casselman, to

extend the lead to 4-1.

Adam Teach started the Wolf comeback by scoring a power play goal with 1:42 left in the second.

Third period goals by Burch and Teach, assisted by Ryan Burns, ended the scoring.

Excellent goaltending by the Stars Christian Aichinger and the Wolves' Adams frustrated many scoring chances.

Casselman, Daniel Bounds and Steven Zaprowski contributed strong defensive play for the Stars.

The outstanding Wolves defensive pairing of Brett Baker and Abbarno limited the Stars' offensive opportunities.

# Gray Sabres beat White on Rink No. 2

The Squirt Gray Sabres skated to the locker room with a hard-earned 5-3 New Year's Eve win over the White Sabres on Rink 2 of the Amherst Pepsi Center.

The Gray Sabres jumped on the White Sabres early. Just 23 seconds in, Joe Arias fed a crisp pass to Jack Cooper who head-manned the puck to Angelo Derossi. Angelo beat White Sabres goalie Alex Jackson high to his glove side and the Gray Sabres had a lead.

The White Sabres roared back. Ethan Evenson fed James Basset a perfect breakaway pass and beat Gray Sabre goalie Joe Burke low. About a minute later, Austin Maciok started the Gray Sabres' rush at his own blue line, carried it into the White Sabres' zone and found Gabe Jewula with a crisp pass. Jewula fed JB Beck in the high slot where he roofed the puck over Jackson's shoulder.

As the period was ending, the Gray Sabres scored on a power play. Jewula and Beck once again worked their magic, this time finding Peter Gossels in the high slot where he hammered the puck through the five-hole.

The second period featured fantastic goal play and outstanding defensive efforts. Jonathon Utech began pressuring the Gray Sabre defensemen and only the puck stopping prowess of Burke prevented the White Sabres from taking the lead. Marc Giangreco and Connor Koester stopped rush after rush from the White Sabre team.

The White Sabres' defense was also active. Jamey Irish-Ryan, Joseph Phillips, Daniel Dirrigl, and Samantha Johnson played with intensity and intelligence. At 10:13, while short-handed, James Basset capitalized on a Gray Sabres mistake to score an unassisted goal. That goal seemed to

awaken the Gray Sabres as Emma Hubert outworked the White Sabres in front of their goal to score with assists to Antonio Zedano and Brian Kowalski.

Less than a minute later, Katelyn Koester repeated the feat, by sliding a rebound of an Angelo Derossi shot behind the White Sabres goalie. Jack Cooper drew an assist on that goal. The second period ended with the Gray Sabres nursing a 5-2 lead.

The third period featured strong offensive play by George Korn, Jim Roberto, Dan Carosi, Chris Comtois, Alley Lillis, and Jacob DiStasio.

The Gray Sabres defense limited the scoring opportunities and it wasn't until Dan Dirrigl, skated in from his defensive position to score unassisted that the White Sabres could solve Gray Sabres goalie Joe Burke. This led to a furious finish.

# Sweet Home keglers drop first match of season

West Seneca East's boys bowling team knocked Sweet Home out of the unbeaten ranks with a 5-2 home win last Wednesday at Wimbledon Lanes.

Ryan Kaminski led Sweet Home with a 640 set. Kaminski was very consistent, rolling games of 223, 204, and 213. Aaron Klein shot (211-593), Peter Schaefer (245-586) and Bill Klein (203) also

rolled for the Panthers.

Sweet Home (4-1) bowls Hamburg at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Manor II Lanes.

## Williamsville South boys

The Williamsville South boys bowling team defeated Iroquois, 5-2, last Wednesday at Lancaster Lanes.

Alex Petrie had a 643 series and high game 228 to lead the "A" team

and Tony Cirbus had a 204 and 552 series to lead the "B" team.

The Billies record stands at 5 and 2 on the season in a tough ECIC Division II race.

Petrie leads South bowlers for the season with over a 205 average, good for top five in the division. Russ Scheiss has a high game of 268, which ties for first place in ECIC II.



Williamsville East's Joe O'Gorman won the diving competition against Jamestown on Jan. 9 with a personal best score of 181.05. East won the meet, 112-60.

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## Boys Swimming

# Spartans too much for Flames

Despite double winning performances by Kane Hsieh and Matt Geiger, Williamsville East dropped a 60-42 boys swimming meet at Williamsville North on Friday.

Hsieh won the 200 IM (218.70) and a personal best in the 100 breast (104.33). Geiger, a former Spartan, won the 100 butterfly (55.99) and 100 back (55.22). Geiger and Hsieh joined Neil Batta and Munroe on East's winning 200 meter relay team.

Brandon Beckinghausen (200 free, 150.34; 500 free, 513.81) and Chris Deptula (50 free, 22.98; 100 free, 50.79) were double winners for North.

East opened the week with a 112-60 win over Jamestown last Tuesday at Transit Middle School.

Thomas Mitchell (200 free, 205.97; 500 free, 543.40) and Geiger (100 free, 51.70; 50 free, 24.08) were double winners for East. Joe O'Gorman won diving with a personal best score of 181.05. Arjun Pravin (100 back) and Mike Anderson (200 IM, 215.50) also won for the Flames.

East (2-4) swims Frontier at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and at 4:30 p.m. on Friday against West Seneca West.